

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B" MEETING

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "B" convened on August 17, 2007, at 5:40 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Crossroads I-64, 2000 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, Virginia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Pace moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Conference Committee "B" meeting held on June 22, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed.

PRESIDING: Edward P. Snyder, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S.
Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director
Cheri Emma-Leigh, Operations Manager
Gail W. Ross, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: All three members of the Committee were present.

**Michael Gwaltney,
D.D.S.
Case No. 112538** Michael Gwaltney, D.D.S., appeared without counsel to discuss his application for reinstatement of his license to practice dentistry in Virginia and allegations that he may have violated laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry, in that:

1. In or about 2005/2006 he used ecstasy, cocaine, and other mood altering substances, including alcohol, in furtherance of his addiction. Further, he has not been in any substance abuse treatment or addiction monitoring program since approximately October 2000.
2. He may not be competent to practice dentistry with safety to his patients and the public having not engaged in the practice of dentistry since October 2002.
3. One hundred sixty-six (166) continuing education hours may not be sufficient to demonstrate continuing competency. Specifically:
 - a. One hundred fifty two (152) hours were Internet self-study, of which one hundred forty-five (145) hours were earned in a 10 day period.

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- b. Only fourteen (14) hours were classroom-based instruction, which did not include a clinical component, and;
- c. No documentation of training with a clinical component was provided.

The Committee received statements on behalf of Dr. Gwaltney from Judy Pawlak and Andy Redford.

The Committee received Dr. Gwaltney's statements and discussed the evidence in the case with him.

Closed Meeting:

Ms. Pace moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia to deliberate for the purpose of reaching a decision in the matter of Michael Gwaltney, D.D.S. Additionally, Ms. Pace moved that Board staff, Alan Heaberlin, and Cheri Emma-Leigh, and Administrative Proceedings Division staff, Gail Ross, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Ms. Pace moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

Decision:

Dr. Snyder stated that the Committee decided to continue the matter until September 6, 2007, in order to explore additional options that may be available in making a final decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Edward P. Snyder, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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